

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A diverter valve ~~comprising, a preferably including~~ a cylindrical housing having a ~~perimeter, and a water inlet, preferably disposed below, a plurality of and~~ water outlets, ~~disposed at predetermined spaced intervals about the perimeter of said housing, said~~ The ~~diverting valve containings~~ a removable cartridge ~~disposed in said housing for selectively for aligningment of the water inlet of said housing to at least one of the plurality of water outlets, of said housing, said~~ The ~~cartridge including~~ a stationary sleeve having a ~~plurality of~~ water outlet ports ~~disposed at predetermined spaced intervals and permanently aligned with and sealed in relation to said plurality of the water outlets, of said housing when said removable cartridge is installed in said housing, said cartridge including and~~ a rotary stem sleeve ~~contained within said stationary sleeve, said rotary stem sleeve having an inlet, at least one outlet, and a handle spindle connected to said rotary stem sleeve and extending from said diverter valve, for manually rotating said rotary stem sleeve within said cartridge, said~~ The ~~stationary sleeve including a preferably ceramic disk disposed therewith preferably proximate the bottom of said stationary sleeve and including a water inlet port in for registration with the water inlet, of said housing to allow water to enter the cartridge, said~~ The ~~rotary stem sleeve including an interior and carrying a preferably ceramic disk therein moveable in and out of registration with the water inlet port, of said ceramic disk of said stationary sleeve when said~~ The ~~rotary stem sleeve is~~ may be ~~rotated to fully close and open said water inlet port, and thereby allow water to enter said cartridge and to thereafter to~~ selectively align the at least one outlet of said rotary the stem sleeve with at least one of the plurality of water outlets of said stationary sleeve, and said housing by the pre-selected degree of rotation of said rotary stem sleeve.